

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 5563

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LCO No. 2404



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by: (ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 10-15d of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):
- For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1987, and annually thereafter,
- 4 all provisions of the general statutes concerning education, except
- 5 those provisions relating to the eligibility for noncompetitive state aid
- 6 unless otherwise provided, shall apply to the operation of the State of
- 7 Connecticut-Unified School District #2 established pursuant to section
- 8 17a-37 within the Department of Children and Families, State of
- 9 Connecticut-Unified School District #1 established pursuant to section
- 10 18-99a within the Department of Correction and State of Connecticut-
- 11 Unified School District #3 established pursuant to section 17a-240
- 12 within the Department of Developmental Services. All provisions of
- 13 the general statutes concerning education, [except] <u>including</u> those
- 14 provisions relating to the eligibility for state aid, unless otherwise

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- 15 provided, shall apply to the operation of the technical high schools
- 16 established pursuant to the provisions of section 10-95.
- 17 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, where such a school or
- 18 school district shows that a particular statutory provision should not
- 19 apply, the commissioner may grant an exception.
- Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10-95 of the 2014 supplement to the
- 21 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 22 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):
- 23 (c) The board and the Commissioner of Education shall jointly
- 24 recommend a candidate for superintendent of the technical high school
- 25 system who shall be appointed as superintendent by the State Board of
- 26 Education. Such superintendent shall be responsible for the operation
- 27 and administration of the technical high school system and submit all
- 28 <u>reports required under law to the board</u>.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-65 of the 2014 supplement to the
- 30 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 31 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):
- 32 (a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural
- 33 science and technology education center approved by the State Board
- 34 of Education for program, educational need, location and area to be
- 35 served shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with
- 36 the provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in
- accordance with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for
- 38 which an application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five per
- 39 cent, and (B) for projects for which an application was filed on or after
- 40 July 1, 2011, eighty per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing,
- 41 acquiring, renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used
- 42 <u>exclusively</u> for such agricultural science and technology education
- center, for the expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the
- 44 replacement or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to
- 45 the provisions of section 10-65b, in an amount equal to two thousand

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- 46 seven hundred fifty dollars per student for every secondary school
- 47 student who was enrolled in such center on October first of the
- 48 previous year.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | July 1, 2014 | 10-15d |
| Sec. 2 | July 1, 2014 | 10-95(c) |
| Sec. 3 | July 1, 2014 | 10-65(a) |

Statement of Purpose:

To permit technical high schools to apply for state education grants, to require the superintendent of the technical high school system to submit all reports required by law to the technical high school system board and to ensure that the equipment and facilities of agricultural science and technology education centers are for the exclusive use of such centers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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